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PREAMBLE.

THE object of the association is to establish and maintain a Club, in the rooms of which its members shall at all times meet their associates and friends, and enjoy such recreations and amusements as may be permitted by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.

The Club shall be called the SUFFOLK CLUB, and the number of members shall be limited to one hundred.

ARTICLE II.

The Government of the Club shall consist of a President; a Treasurer, who shall also act as Secretary; and three Directors; to be chosen at the Annual Meeting, which shall be holden on the first Monday of October in each year. Vacancies in the Government may be filled at any meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE III.

The Government shall have the whole control of the affairs of the Club, employ the servants, provide all necessary furniture and refreshments, and do generally such things as may best promote the objects of the institution.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have all bills against members, for Club dues, settled at least once a month; and it shall also be the duty of said Treasurer, if any member neglects to pay his just dues as aforesaid, to report the same to the Government.

ARTICLE V.

In the absence of the President, the eldest Director present shall act in his stead; and, in the absence of the President and all the Directors, the meeting may choose a President pro tempore. In the absence of the Secretary the President may appoint a Secretary pro tempore.

ARTICLE VI.

A meeting of the Club shall be holden on the first Monday of each month at 7 o'clock, P. M., at which candidates for admission may be balloted for, and any other business transacted.

Special meetings for any purpose except the admission of members may, at any time, be called by the

Government. It shall, also, be the duty of the Government to call a Special Meeting at the request, made in writing, of any five members. Three days notice shall be given of all meetings, by posting such notice conspicuously in the Club Room. Not less than twenty members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII.

The legal title of all property of the Club shall be vested in three Trustees, under an Indenture with the members for their benefit, so long as they continue their membership; which Trustees shall be chosen at the first regular meeting of the Club. The interest of any member in the property of the Club shall not be transferable; and, on the death, resignation or expulsion of a member, his interest in the property shall vest in the said Trustees, for the benefit of the Club. Vacancies in the board of Trustees may be filled at any meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

A Committee of seven members shall be chosen yearly at the Annual Meeting or at any other meeting, in case of a vacancy of the whole board, to whom all applications for admission shall be submitted; and all such applications shall be held under consideration by the Committee at least one week.

Each candidate for admission shall be at least twenty-one years of age, and shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another.

The Committee shall afterwards propose for ballot, by the Club, at the regular monthly meetings, such of said applicants as they may deem proper for admission, by posting their names conspicuously in the Club House, three days at least previous to such balloting.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to make active inquiry as to the fitness of all applicants, and to deliberate upon all objections which shall be made by members of the Club. Each member may lay before the Committee anything he may hear or know respecting any applicant.

The Committee shall hold regular meetings, at stated times, but shall not have power to transact any business unless five members of the Committee are present; nor shall any applicant be proposed to the Club by the Committee, unless three-fourths of the votes of the members present in Committee shall be in his favor.

If the Committee shall reject any applicant, no application by or for him shall be received or considered by the Committee, within thirty days after such rejection.

The Committee shall have power to fill vacancies in their number, during the time for which they are elected.

ARTICLE IX.

If at any balloting for a candidate five ballots in the negative shall be thrown, such candidate shall be deemed to be rejected, and he shall not again be proposed during the next sixty days.

ARTICLE X.

The Entrance Money or Admission Fee to the Club shall be fifty dollars; and, until he has paid such admission fee, the person admitted shall not be entitled to the privileges of membership.

ARTICLE XI.

No member shall, under any pretence whatever, give any money or gratuity to any of the servants.

ARTICLE XII.

No game at hazard shall on any account be ever played in the Club Rooms, nor dice used except for backgammon.

ARTICLE XIII.

Strangers resident more than twenty miles from Boston, may be introduced by members. The name and address of any such strangers, and of the member introducing him, shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose;—but no such introduction shall entitle any stranger to more than one week's admission. The Government may issue *Strangers' Tickets* for thirty days, which they may renew when they shall deem it expedient.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Club Rooms shall be opened every day, (Sundays excepted) at nine o'clock in the morning, and shall be closed at twelve o'clock at night; except that, on Saturday evenings, the rooms shall be closed at eleven o'clock at night, precisely.

ARTICLE XV.

No member is on any account to bring a dog into the Club Rooms.

ARTICLE XVI.

For the best interests of the Club, all its proceedings shall be considered strictly confidential.

ARTICLE XVII.

In case the conduct of any member shall appear to justify expulsion, the Government shall be bound to bring the case before an extraordinary General Meeting, to be notified at least seven days previously to the time assigned for such meeting. If it shall appear to the majority of the members present, (said majority consisting of twenty members at least) that the member in question ought to be expelled, he shall immediately cease to be a member of the Club.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The Club may appoint Committees, on specific subjects, at its pleasure.

ARTICLE XIX.

A copy of the By-Laws, and a list of the members, shall remain with the Secretary, for the inspection of the Club.

ARTICLE XX.

Additions to, or alterations of, the By-Laws may be proposed at a meeting called for the purpose, or at the Annual Meeting; but they shall not be definitively acted upon till the next subsequent or adjourned meeting; or be adopted, unless at least thirty members are present.